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SUBJ: POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF A PRIVATE DIARY OF JIM JONES IN PANAMA.
1. USUALLY RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE (LOCAL JOURNALIST) HAS INFORMED US THAT TWO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN GUYANA AND WEO LEFT DECEMBER 11, HAVE GONE TO PANAMA, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR HOME OFFICE, TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE OF WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE THE DIARY OF REVEREND JIM JONES. ACCORDING TO SOURCE DIARY WAS ACQUIRED AT JONESTOWN BY AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN INVOLVED IN THE EVACUATION OF THE BODIES FROM THAT SITE. SOURCE STATES THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING IDENTITY OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS HOLDING THE DIARY, BUT HIS INFORMATION RE TRAVEL OF THE TWO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TRAVELING TO PANAMA FROM GUYANA WAS APPARENTLY RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM ONE OF THEM.
2. SUCH A DIARY, IF IT DOES EXIST, WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE IMPORTANT EVIDENTIARY VALUE TO BOTH THE GUYANESE AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF
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CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND THE OTHER AMERICANS AT PORT KAITUMA AS WELL AS THE MASS MURDERS/SUICIDES AT JONESTOWN.
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